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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) 2003 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I am proud to inform your honorable Board that the Los Angeles County Fire Department is the recipient of the 2003 NACO Achievement Award for the Fire Station Prototype Program. The Fire Station Prototype Program was created by the Department's New Fire Station Construction Committee (NFSCC) in 1999. In 2003, the United States Copyright Office granted the Department exclusive rights for this program.

In this prototype program, each station is specifically designed to accommodate the required resources for that specific service area. The small stations are less than 8,000 square feet, medium stations range between 8,000 and 12,000 square feet, and large stations are greater than 12,000 square feet. The design concepts incorporate interior layouts that are identical and consistent for each station type. Dorms, offices, equipment storage, etc., are in the same areas so that regardless of the location, navigation through a fire station by personnel remains familiar and effortless.

This program was created to construct fire stations that provide the functionality required for field operations while reducing construction time and cost. The structural design allows for the facade to be built to suit the preferences and blend in with the surrounding communities. The Department is able to save approximately \$130,000 per new fire station and reduce construction time by 30%, greatly increasing the Department's ability to meet the growing needs of its communities and constituents. In the immediate future, the Fire Department anticipates utilizing the prototype at approximately 18 sites, resulting in a savings of 4.5 years of construction time and \$2.4 million in construction costs.

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If you have any questions, please call me or have your staff contact Deputy Chief Mel Hokanson, Support Services Bureau, at (323) 881-6152.

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